

REMARKS

Responsive to the requirement for restriction, applicants elect Group I, claims 1-13, 17, 19 and 20, drawn to a magnetic recording medium, without traverse.

Non-elected method claims 14-16 and 18 are cancelled herewith, but may be made the subject of a divisional application to be filed at any time during the pendency of the present application.

An action on the merits of the elected claims is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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"VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE"

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 10 has been amended as follows:

--10. (twice amended) A magnetic recording medium according to claim 1, wherein a lattice misfit of said metal underlayer and said ferromagnetic metal layer, as determined by an equation $(y-x) / (x/2 + y/2) \cdot 100(\%)$, in which x represents a length obtained by multiplying by $[\bar{0}2] \sqrt{2}$ a lattice constant of said metal underlayer and y represents a c axis length of a crystal lattice of said ferromagnetic metal layer, is a value from 0.5% to 2.5%.--